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Responsive to the Office Action of February 5, 2002,
please consider the remarks set forth below.

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, and for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. The Invention

As shown in FIGS. 1-5, for example, the disclosed invention is directed to a curb forming and extruding machine and method which forms continuous concrete edging while reducing voids, flat spots or weak areas in the extruded curb, and reduces the problems caused by concrete bridging in the hopper. The curb forming machine includes a hopper carried by a frame and including an upper hopper section, for receiving